

EXHIBIT A

**RESPONSES CONTAIN WALMART CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE
LITIGATION

This document relates to:

*Track One Cases*¹

MDL No. 2804

Case No. 17-md-2804

Judge Dan Aaron Polster

**WALMART INC.'S FOURTH AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTAL
OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF
INTERROGATORIES TO WAL-MART INC.**²

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26 and 33, Defendant Walmart Inc.

("Walmart") hereby responds and objects to Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories

("Interrogatories").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Walmart has undertaken a reasonable effort to provide the information requested by these Interrogatories, to the extent the requested information is not subject to objection, but notes that discovery is ongoing and additional information may be obtained that may alter these responses. The following responses and objections are based upon information that has been collected and reviewed to date for the purpose of responding to these Interrogatories, and are not prepared from the personal knowledge of any single individual. Accordingly, all of the following responses are given without prejudice to, and with the express reservation of, Walmart's right to supplement or modify its responses and objections to address additional information, and to rely

¹ These objections and responses relate only to the Track One Cases, and not to any other case currently in, or that may be added to, MDL No. 2804 in the Northern District of Ohio ("MDL").

² While Plaintiffs direct these Interrogatories to "Wal-Mart Inc.," the entity named as a defendant in the second amended complaints filed in the Track One Cases is Walmart Inc. Effective February 1, 2018, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. changed its name to "Walmart Inc." Accordingly, these objections and responses are submitted by Walmart Inc.

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response to information that relates to government investigations of, or administrative actions against, Walmart of which Walmart is currently aware that concern Walmart's distribution of the Relevant CII Opioids to the Relevant Geographic Area during the Relevant Time Period.

Subject to and without waiving its specific and General Objections, Walmart states that it is not aware of any government investigation of, or administrative action against, Walmart with respect to Walmart's distribution of the Relevant CII Opioids to the Relevant Geographic Area during the Relevant Time Period.

Interrogatory No. 18: Identify any and all of Your current and/or former employees who have ever been employed by the DEA, FDA or any Federal, or governmental entity. For each such Person, state their position, job description and dates of employment at the governmental entity and with You.

RESPONSE: Subject to and without waiving its General Objections, and pursuant to Special Master David Cohen's May 29, 2019 discovery ruling requiring Walmart to "identify current and former Walmart employees who: (1) worked in SOM, distribution operations, compliance, governmental/regulatory affairs, or loss prevention; and (2) also worked at the DEA," Walmart states that while it does not track the information requested by this Interrogatory in the ordinary course of business, as of the date of this response Walmart has not identified any former DEA employee who worked in Walmart's suspicious order monitoring program, pharmacy distribution operations, compliance, governmental/regulatory affairs, or loss prevention during the Relevant Time Period.

Interrogatory No. 19: State whether You have ever had any involvement, role or relation, directly or indirectly, financial or otherwise, with the marketing, advertising and/or promotion of any Opioid or Opioid Products conducted and/or directed by any manufacturer of Opioids or Opioid Products, from 1990 to the present. If so, state the manufacturer, the date or dates of any such advertising, marketing and/or promotion and the nature of your involvement.

RESPONSE: In addition to its General Objections, Walmart objects to Interrogatory No. 19 on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous as to the meaning of "relation," "indirectly,"

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“otherwise,” “marketing,” and “promotion.” Walmart further objects to Interrogatory No. 19 on the grounds that it purports to seek information beyond the Relevant Time Period as to the phrase “ever had.” Walmart also objects to Interrogatory No. 19 on the grounds set forth in its General Objection Nos. 2 (as to the requested time period), 3 (as to the phrase “Opioid or Opioid Products”), 6 (to the extent it seeks information regarding distribution of the Relevant CII Opioids to pharmacies outside the Relevant Geographic Area), 14 (as to the term “You”), and 15 (to the extent it seeks information beyond Walmart’s distribution operations).

Subject to and without waiving its specific and General Objections, Walmart states that its distribution operations relating to the Relevant CII Opioids during the Relevant Time Period in the Relevant Geographic Area have not included marketing, promotion, or advertising for those products conducted and/or directed by any manufacturer of such products.

Interrogatory No. 20: Describe in detail all services and/or solutions You provided with respect to the reimbursement for any cost associated with the provision and/or sale and/or dispensing of Opioids or Opioid Products. For each such service or solution, provide:

- a. the Identity of the payor or Customer;
- b. whether the payor or Customer does business directly or indirectly in Ohio; and
- c. the Identity of the Person or Persons responsible for the provision of said service or solution.

RESPONSE: In addition to its General Objections, Walmart objects to Interrogatory No. 20 on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous as to the meaning of “services,” “solutions,” “payors,” “reimbursement,” and “indirectly.” Walmart further objects to Interrogatory No. 20 on the grounds set forth in its General Objection Nos. 2 (to the extent it seeks information beyond the Relevant Time Period), 3 (as to the phrase “Opioid or Opioid Products”), 6 (to the extent it seeks information regarding distribution of the Relevant CII Opioids to pharmacies outside the Relevant Geographic Area), 10 (as to the term “all”), 14 (as to the term “You”), 15 (to the extent

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reflects details of Walmart's shipments of Relevant CII Opioids to the Relevant Geographic Area from 2006 to 2014.

Interrogatory No. 24: Identify all internet pharmacies that You distributed Opioids or Opioid Products to, and additionally provide the following information:

- a. the Opioids or Opioid Products distributed; and
- b. total sales and/or amount distributed by month and year for each Opioid or Opioid Product from 1990 to present.

RESPONSE: In addition to its General Objections, Walmart objects to Interrogatory No. 24 on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous as to the meaning of "internet pharmacies." Walmart further objects to Interrogatory No. 24 on the grounds set forth in its General Objection Nos. 2 (as to the requested time period), 3 (as to the phrase "Opioids or Opioid Products"), 6 (to the extent it seeks information regarding distribution of the Relevant CII Opioids to pharmacies outside the Relevant Geographic Area), 10 (as to the term "all"), 14 (as to the term "You"), and 18 (as to the term "Identify"), and will limit its response to information that relates to Walmart's distribution of the Relevant CII Opioids to the Relevant Geographic Area during the Relevant Time Period.

Subject to and without waiving its specific and General Objections, Walmart states that it has only distributed controlled substances to Walmart-operated pharmacies and that it does not operate any internet pharmacies.

Interrogatory No. 25: Describe any and all services, information and/or recommendations that You provided relating to the sale, prescription filling, dispensing and/or reimbursement of any Opioid or Opioid Product relating to dosage, duration and/or dosing interval.

RESPONSE: In addition to its General Objections, Walmart objects to Interrogatory No. 25 on the grounds set forth in its General Objection Nos. 2 (to the extent it seeks information beyond the Relevant Time Period), 3 (as to the phrase "Opioids or Opioid Products"), 6 (to the extent it seeks information regarding distribution of the Relevant CII Opioids to pharmacies outside the

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VERIFICATION

I, Susanne Hiland, state as follows: I hold the position of Senior Director, Health & Wellness Professional Relations, Professional Practice Standards, & Clinical Services for Walmart Inc. I have reviewed Walmart Inc.'s Fourth Amended and Supplemental Objections and Responses to Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories to Wal-Mart Inc. I affirm that the facts contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. This affirmation is based in part upon my personal knowledge. For matters that are not within my personal knowledge, I am satisfied that a reasonable inquiry has been made and that these responses contain true and correct information.

I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Susanne Hiland", is written over a horizontal line.

Susanne Hiland

Executed in Bentonville, Arkansas on June 20, 2019